

AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2005

Closed Session 5:15 p.m.

Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Alice Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder, Alice Dowdin

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Charles Wachob
Police Chief Nick Willick
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi
Special Projects Director Jack Warren
Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder
Administrative Analyst/Transit Manager Joanna Belanger
Airport Manager Jerry Martin

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code section 54957.6: **MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/Without Objection**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: David Mackowiak, Robert Richardson
Employee Organizations: All City employee groups

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rodeo Board Championship Buckle Presentation by Karen Spencer to the City of Auburn for Display.

Proclamation: Salvation Army Week May 15-21, 2005

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Engineering Services-Signal Modification & Stormwater Design for the Highway 49/Borland Avenue/Lincoln Way Intersection**

By **RESOLUTION 05-48** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a consulting contract between the City of Auburn and KD Anderson Transportation Engineers for the engineering services related to Highway 49/Borland Avenue/ Lincoln Way signal and intersection redesign, not to exceed \$43,927 without council approval.

2. **Auburn Police Department Budget Adjustment Request**

By **RESOLUTION 05-49** amend the Police Department's General Fund Budget allowing for the purchase of new equipment.

3. **Assignment of Lease for Airport property between the City of Auburn and the Metcalfe Family Trust to MKB Metcalfe Family Enterprises, LP**

By **RESOLUTION 05-50** approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an assignment of the Lease for Airport property between the City of Auburn and the Metcalfe Family Trust, Maurice Metcalfe and Kathleen Metcalfe, Trustees and MKB Metcalfe Family Enterprises, LP, Maurice Metcalfe and Kathleen Metcalfe, Trustees of the Metcalfe Family Trust, General Partners.

4. **SPCA Annual BBQ & Blues Event Funding Request**

Item removed by Mayor Dowdin; follows Consent Calendar.

5. **Ashley Memorial Dog Park Foundation Funding Request**

Item removed by Mayor Dowdin; follows Consent Calendar.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar as amended. **MOTION:**
Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0

6. **SPCA Annual BBQ & Blues Event Funding Request**

Mayor Dowdin said this is a very successful event and fundraiser for the SPCA. She asked the Council to increase the funding to \$3,000.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Dowdin and seconded by Hanley to increase funding to \$3,000.

Council Member Nesbitt said the EDC provides seed money only – not money for established and on-going events.

Council Member Holmes said the event is doing well and should be weaned from support from the City.

Council Member Hanley agreed and added that the City should reserve funding for other events, but he supports the \$500 contribution.

Council Member Snyder said any economic benefits would be difficult to measure.

Dan Sokol of Auburn said it was unnecessary for the City to give \$3,000. The taxes brought in would not justify this expense. The City is already providing City services for these types of event.

Scott Holbrook said events such as this bring people into the community. \$500 is a fair amount. Look at the whole picture of what events do for the City.

Mayor Dowdin said she truly believes this is an event the City should partner in. There is an economic development, there is a social benefit to it as well and is something we should be a part of.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Dowdin and seconded by Hanley to increase funding to \$3,000. **MOTION failed 2:3/No: Hanley, Holmes, Nesbitt**

By **RESOLUTION 05-51** approve \$500.00 in funding for the annual SPCA Barbecue and Blues Event. **MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0**

7. **Ashley Memorial Dog Park Foundation Funding Request**

Council Member Snyder said the criterion he uses is economic development. He sees none with this program. It is only for the residents and their dogs.

Dan Sokol of Auburn agreed and said this is not a City service. There are much better ways for the City to spend our money.

Scott Holbrook said this money is to help advertise a benefit that will aid in the creation of the dog park. This is a benefit to the City, to the Auburn Recreation District and to the community.

By **RESOLUTION** approve \$500.00 in funding for the Ashley Memorial Dog Park Foundation. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Dowdin/Failed 2:3/No: Hanley,Holmes,Snyder**

8. **Public Comment**

Dan Sokol of 1330 Deerwood Place in Auburn expressed concern about the possible hike in cable TV rates, especially for those with limited income. He also said that parking on Auburn Folsom Road during events is very dangerous because of the way parking is controlled. Something has to be done. Solid Waste: Mr. Sokol hoped that the City of Auburn is looking for alternative ways of collecting and distributing waste. The City needs to act more for its own benefit.

Police Chief Nick Willick responded to Mr. Sokol about the parking on Auburn Folsom Road. He said the Traffic Committee looked at the area and the City will paint the curb red in the appropriate areas that are deemed unsafe.

Council Member Holmes expressed a citizen's concern about a billboard by a real estate company advertising no specific property. Second, he said the drain problem at the Valley View and Skyridge area has still not been fixed. Third, he still wants an agenda item for discussing the selection of the mayor. He submitted a written proposal for future discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

9. **Old Town Business Improvement Area: Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

Mayor Dowdin pointed out that this is an opportunity for businesses to levy a tax to help support their business. This is a tax the businesses levy on themselves; no public tax dollars are involved

By **RESOLUTION 05-52** levy assessment on all businesses within the Parking and Business Area of the Old Town Business Improvement District for fiscal year 2005-2006. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

10. **Downtown Business Improvement Area: Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.**

By **RESOLUTION 05-53** levy assessment on all businesses within the Parking and Business Area of the Downtown Business Improvement District for fiscal year 2005-2006. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Hanley/Approved 5:0**

REPORTS

11. **Quarterly Reports from Committees and Commissions**

Telecommunications Commission. Chairman Glenn Tonkin submitted a detailed quarterly report. In addition he discussed pending legislation and spoke about the newest technology.

12. **Informational Reports from Staff**

Police Chief's Quarterly Report. Police Chief Nick Willick discussed his written report.

13. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Traffic Committee and the EDC.

Kevin Hanley reported that the first meeting of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy will take place on May 12th, at which time they will discuss the possible location for their headquarters.

Mike Holmes said that at the Placer County Air Pollution Control District meeting the City of Auburn received an honorable mention for the City's idling ordinance.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

14. **Auburn School Park Preserve – Lincoln Creek Project, Status Report and Funds Transfer**

Special Projects Director Jack Warren said that all City funds would be reimbursed.

By **RESOLUTION 05-54** authorize the Special Projects Director and the Finance Director to execute on behalf of the City of Auburn a funds transfer to the Army Corps of Engineers for the commencement of construction at the Auburn School Park Preserve – Lincoln Creek Project.

MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0

15. **Adoption of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi said that every public entity is required to adopt this plan at their level.

By **RESOLUTION 05-55** adopt the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as developed by the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

MOTION: Nesbitt/Snyder/Approved 5:0

16. **Eight-Hour Parking on High Street South of Pleasant Avenue**

MOTION by Nesbitt **TO AMEND** to review annually was without a second/**MOTION FAILED.**

By **MOTION** approve changing the current parking limit of three hours to eight hours on High Street between Pleasant Avenue and Auburn Folsom Road. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved by voice.**

17. **Letter of Opposition to Proposed Legislative Changes in Phone/Cable Franchise Law**

Council Member Snyder said he would not support a letter attempting to protect a franchise.

Council Member Hanley said he supports this letter. He sees this as preserving local control.

Dan Sokol said this was only an issue of competition and nothing else. The city would be doing a disservice to its citizens by opposing this legislation.

By **MOTION** send a Letter of Opposition to the House Telecommunications Subcommittee concerning proposed legislative changes to telephone and cable franchise authority and direct staff to monitor the progress of the proposed legislation.

MOTION: Hanley/Dowdin/Approved 3:2 by voice

ADJOURNMENT at 8:47 p.m.

Adjourn to meeting of the Auburn Urban Development Authority.

Alice Dowdin, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk